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SUBJ: NATAL GENERALLY QUIET OVER SHAKA'S DAY

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1. NATAL HAS REMAINED GENERALLY QUIET DURING PAST TEN DAYS WHICH INCLUDED ZULU CELEBRATION OF SHAKA'S DAY. INCIDENTS REPORTED INCLUDE PROTEST MARCH SEPT. 23 BY SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS IN CLERMONT AREA OF DURBAN. MARCH WAS BROKEN UP BY LOCAL CITIZENS AND POLICE WHEN STUDENTS BEGAN ATTACKING PASSING CARS. EIGHT VAGRANT COLORED YOUTHS WERE ARRESTED SEPT. 21 AT PIETERMARITZBURG IN CONNECTION WITH FIRE AT RAISETHORPE COLORED PRIMARY SCHOOL (DURBAN 462); POLICE CLAIM MOTIVES WER ROBBERY AND ARSON. OHLANGE HIGH SCHOOL IN KWA MASHU, CLOSED AFTER SEPT. 14 DEMO (DURBAN 453), RE-OPENED SEPT. 27 ON CONDITION THAT PARENTS BRING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL AND AGREE TO REGULATIONS PREVENTING A REPETITION OF THE INCIDENT.

2. COMMEMORATING SHAKA'S DAY SEPT. 24, CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI TOLD 8,000 ZULUS GATHERED AT UMLAZI FOOTBALL STADIUM THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS WOULD REGARD PRESENT SOUTH UNCLASSIFIED

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AFRICAN REGIME AS MUCH MORE SAVAGE THAN RENOWNED KING SHAKA

HAD BEEN. HE DECLARED IT NORMAL FOR PEOPLE ROBBED OF THEIR
DIGNITY FOR SO LONG TO LOOK TO GLORIOUS PAST FOR INSPIRATION,
AND URGED ZULUS NOT TO BE AFRAID TO HONOR SHAKA BECAUSE SOME
BLACK "IDEOLOGICAL PURITANS" MIGHT ACCUSE THEM OF PROMOTING
"ZULUISM". AFRICAN SCHOOLS IN DURBAN AREA WERE NOT PERMITTED
TO CLOSE FOR SHAKA'S DAY BUT THOUSANDS OF KWA MASHU SCHOOL
CHILDREN AND PARENTS CELEBRATED EVENT UNOFFICIALLY AFTER
SCHOOL HOURS.
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